

SPARC- What is it?

- A week of life enriching courses designed by our teachers
 - Goes beyond what the traditional classroom offers in the way of learning
 - Much like an interim that is offered by some colleges and other schools
- Students select the course they want to participate early in the school year

SPARC- Who, When, Where?

- **Who?** Faculty and staff are asked to design a course
- **Who?** All students grades 6-12 participate
 - Middle schoolers either go on their designed class trip or participate in a local middle school trip. 8th graders are allowed to choose a US local trip if they opt out of D.C.
- **When?**
 - The week before spring break (March 6th-10th)
- **Where?**
 - On campus
 - Local
 - Statewide
 - Nationwide
 - International

Why SPARC?

- SPARC is a distinctive, innovative program designed to challenge our students, expand their knowledge, encourage a lifelong love of learning, and to provide our students with non-traditional learning experiences through travel and small group workshops. SPARC is deliberate in its purpose to intensify and expand learning opportunities and has become an extremely treasured and popular element of a Brook Hill education. Through SPARC, we fulfill our mission through the exploration in the arts, academics, athletics, real-life adventures and the outdoors. SPARC continues to offer students opportunities to affirm their gifts, challenge their potential, and honor God through Christ-like character.
- Learning not only takes place in a formal classroom, but also in off-campus opportunities or through non-traditional, life enrichment learning occasions. These opportunities serve many important roles in our curriculum. These allow students the real world experience to learn about different areas of our state, country, and the diverse world in which we live. Students learn a tremendous amount about themselves, their interests, and their talents through SPARC courses. Even through our local course offerings students are able to learn and to give back to the

communities, which will hopefully become a lifelong learning passion. Creating new friendships, lifelong relationships, and many memories are all critical to the learning and growing process of our youth that are enhanced and reinforced beyond the classroom.

SPARC Objectives

- To expand the knowledge, exposure, and ideas of our students outside of a traditional classroom environment
- To deepen the relationship between students and faculty by working together in diverse groups with a common purpose/theme
- To model a love of learning which will carry into the future and spark future learning and a desire for lifelong enrichment experiences
- To reinforce the concepts that have been taught in the classroom